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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the efforts of Indiana Freedom Trails to provide historical interpretation, preservation of historic locations, and designation of the routes used by African-American slaves who sought freedom from slavery.

*Whereas, Indiana Freedom Trails was established in 1998 to seek out Underground Railroad sites located throughout the state of Indiana;*

*Whereas, Indiana Freedom Trails in its mission statement says: "We dedicate ourselves and our resources to the research, education, interpretation, and reverence of our Underground Railroad heritage for the benefit of generations to come";*

*Whereas, Indiana Freedom Trails is an organization working to locate, identify, verify, protect, preserve, and promote Indiana sites and routes as part of the national Underground Railroad network;*

*Whereas, The Underground Railroad is the name associated with the pre-Civil War movement of African-Americans to escape slavery in the South and the assistance they received on their journey;*

*Whereas, The Underground Railroad, which was neither under the ground nor a railroad, provided a series of safe havens for fugitive slaves who were making their way to the Northern states, Canada, or other locations;*

*Whereas, Being associated with the Underground Railroad*



*brought great dangers;*

*Whereas, Hoosiers who helped these brave African-Americans along their route to freedom were true heroes; and*

*Whereas, The efforts of Indiana Freedom Trails to identify these Underground Railroad locations in Indiana and preserve them for future generations of Hoosiers is truly a noble cause: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to  
2       recognize the efforts of Indiana Freedom Trails to provide historical  
3       interpretation, preservation of historic locations, and designation of the  
4       routes used by African-American slaves who sought freedom from  
5       slavery.

6       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Carl Wilson,  
8       Northern Indiana state coordinator of Indiana Freedom Trails.

